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SUBJ: NARCOTICS - UN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM FOR AFGHANISTAN

1. CONVERSATIONS WITH MARTENS AND OTHERS IN UNFDAC/ DND REVEAL FOLLOWING RE STATUS OF UN EFFORTS LAUNCH AFGHAN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM.

2. SCHURMANN HAS SENT LETTER TO GHAUS DATED MAY 17 (TEXT CONTAINED SEPTTEL) SETTING FORTH CURRENT SITUATION RE PLANS FOR COORDINATING GROUP. LETTER STATES THAT 9 COUNTRIES HAVE THUS FAR AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN COORDINATING GROUP AND 2 (US AND IRAN) HAVE INDICATED INTENTION CONTRIBUTE. LETTER FURTHER STATES THAT REVISED UN/ FAO REPORT AND SHOPPING LIST ARE EXPECTED BE AVAILABLE FOR CIRCULATION TO POTENTIAL DONORS AND RGA BY EARLY JUNE AND THAT COORDINATING GROUP WILL BE CONVENED END OF JULY OR BEGINNING OF AUGUST.

3. DAVIDSON (UNNY) " APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE" EIGHT- MONTH PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUESTED BY RGA SUBJECT TO UNDERSTANDINGS THAT: (Q) PROGRAM WOULD E EMBODIED IN AGREE- MENT (IN FORMAT USED BY OTC) TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN UNFDAC
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AND RGA, ALTHOUGH THIS FORMALITY NEED NOT DELAY PROCEEDING WITH PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE; AND (B) LEVEL OF UNFDAC' S CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE DECREASED FROM \$464,460 TO \$334,460, APPORTIONMENT OF CUT AS AMONG VARIOUS ACTIVITIES BEING LEFT TO MARTENS. LATTER DECISION WAS TAKEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM BUDGET PEOPLE (ZIEHL AND SADLER) WHO CONTENDED THAT LEVEL OF PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY UNFDAC WAS TOO HIGH AND OUT OF LINE WITH UN PRACTICE.

4. MICUTA SAYS THAT PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF SHOPPING LIST WILL BE COMPLETED BY MAY 25 AND HE HAS PROMISED GIVE COPY TO MISOFF FOR COMMENT. HE INDICATES THAT ACCESS ROADS WILL DEFINITELY BE INCLUDED IN LIST. ON ENFORCEMENT SIDE, MANBY REMAINS DISINCLINED INCLUDE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO MIN JUSTICE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT. HE CONTINUES BELIEVE THAT FOR SPECIALIST UNITS IN DIFFERENT MINISTRIES TO OPERATE IN SAME FIELD WILL RESULT IN RIVALRIES AND JEALOUSIES WHICH WILL HAMPER ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. HE FURTHER STRESSES THAT RGA HAS NEVER INDICATED TO UN DIRECTLY THAT IT WISHES ASSISTANCE FOR JUSTICE UNIT, THAT UN KNOWS OF SUCH INTEREST ONLY THROUGH US. MARTENS IS AWARE OF CONSIDERATIONS IN FAVOR OF ASSISTANCE TO MIN JUSTICE UNIT BEING ON SHOPPING LIST, INCLUDING ARGUMENTS ADVANCED VARIOUS MESSAGES KABUL. MARTENS HAS ASKED MANBY TO RE- THINK MATTER AND PREPARE WRITTEN STATEMENT OF HIS VIEWS FOLLOWING WHICH HD (MARTENS) WILL CONSIDER QUESTION FURTHER.

5. ON ADVICE GREENSHIELDS (FAO), UN DOES NOT PLAN PROCEED WITH AERIAL SURVEY PRIOR TO JULY. GREENSHIELDS TAKES POSITION THAT ADEQUATE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS CANNOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE THEN AND THAT IN ANY EVENT PERMISSION ALL RGA MINISTRIES CONCERNED COULD NOT BE OBTAINED IN TIME PROCEED EARLIER.

6. AS REPORTED BY MICUTA, GREENSHIELDS' TECHNICAL POSITION IS TO FOLLOWING EFFECT. TWO KINDS OF AERIAL SURVEYS ARE NEEDED: (A) TOPOGRAPHICAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN TWO PILOT AREAS, AND (B) " VEFETATION" AERIAL SURVEILLANCE (I. E., POPPY AND OTHER CROPS). FORMER IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE PROCEDURE AND CAN BE CARRIED OUT BY AFGHAN CARTOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE WITH SOME ASSISTANCE UN SIDE (CAMERAS, SPECIAL FILM, SKILLED OPERATOR). LATTER IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED AND COSTLY AND MUST BE PRECEDED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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